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We will consider it a great favor if
 subscribers will report any failure
 to get their Leader, or any carelessness
 on the part of the carrier.
 Subscribers will please not pay
 the carriers unless the carrier
 punches his credit tag in subscriber's
 presence.

The Leader prints this morning a
 statement of the cost of the city's
 street lights. The figures are correct,
 and are the result of the careful compilation
 of Mr. Louis Mueller, and
 sworn to by that gentleman. If there
 is any perversion or suppression on our
 part, we want to be told of it and want
 the people to know it.

Do the people of the West Side and
 that portion of town above Scamell
 and back of Fourth street propose to
 vote \$20,000 for commercial lighting on
 Putnam, Front and Greene?—Register.
 The purity of the inspiration that
 talks to the purpose of making the entire
 voters of Marietta believe the entire
 \$20,000 asked for to improve and en-
 large the city light plant is to be ap-
 plied to the purchase of an incandescent
 light plant, needs investigation. Misleading
 by inference where frank statements
 would be immediately challenged is an
 artistic form of dissembling and at the same
 time the most harmful to the victim—in this
 case the public.

The primary, and almost sole object
 of this proposed bond issue is to im-
 prove the street lighting of the city. Our
 growth the past six or eight years has
 rendered a plant that originally seemed
 of sufficient size now inadequate to the
 demands put upon it. It is sought to in-
 crease its size to supply the needs of the
 New and Greater Marietta, and, considering
 only the welfare of the public, the idea was
 conceived of putting in a small incandescent
 light dynamo at slightly additional cost,
 for the express purpose of applying the
 profits thereof to the expense of the street
 lighting.

Council did not commit itself to the
 idea, but simply proposed it to the city
 as a business investment. A year ago
 Council sent out printed blanks to 100
 cities similar to Marietta asking infor-
 mation of every conceivable nature in
 regard to electric lighting. They com-
 piled the information thus received, printed
 it and placed it before the public.

Not a man in Marietta dared dispute
 the figures and not a man had the
 courage to openly antagonize the im-
 provement of the street lighting plant,
 but the cloven hoof could not be con-
 cealed and the members of Council
 were immediately jumped upon as a
 set of tricksters who wanted to rob
 the city of \$20,000. It is asserted
 that their approximate estimate of \$55
 per light, as the present cost, was en-
 tirely too low. A table in another col-
 umn of this issue shows that the lights
 do not in reality cost as much as \$55
 each. It is asserted that the present
 plant is worth less than \$5,000 if any-
 thing at all, and within two hours
 after that statement is made a com-
 pany offers \$12,500 cash for it. It is as-
 serted that the many are taxed for the
 few, when it is easily shown that the
 "few" that use incandescent lights
 must pay profits to the "many" who do
 not.

The Leader does not care a rap who
 puts incandescent lights in Marietta.
 We believe firmly and honestly that
 the city will suffer if it ever relin-
 quishes its street lights, and we also
 believe that unless the plant is en-
 larged it must in the near future be
 surrendered. Without hesitancy we
 advise that the electric light bond
 proposition be voted for and carried.
 We have no ax to grind of any descrip-
 tion. We are for the city and thank
 God that her growth demands improve-
 ments, each and every one of which
 helps to take us further out of the dark-
 ness of the past that for a hundred
 years held us in obscurity while newer
 towns passed us with ease.

The Political Grindstone.
 Did you ever have a thought
 Of the poor man and his lot
 And how with gas the Politician
 Fills his tank?
 For he never seems so kind
 As when he has an ax to grind,
 But he never seems to want to
 turn the crank.
 If, while walking down the street,
 A candidate you meet,
 Whose smiles would melt the morrow
 In a bone,
 You can then make up your mind
 That he has an ax to grind
 And is waiting for no doubt
 To turn the stone.
 You have turned it off before,
 And he knows you'll turn it more,
 Just another little turn and
 That will do.
 You can sprain your arm and spleen
 Till his blade is like a lawn,
 And that is all the use he seems
 To have for you.
 Last fall no doubt was blinding
 To the candidate whose grinding
 Wasn't sharp enough to get him
 on the throne.
 But we were all becoming paupers
 By a grinding others choopers.
 Now we have turned our full attention
 to our own.
 But there are better times a-coming.
 When the dear old grindstone's humming
 Will for evermore be silent in
 the land.
 With McKinley in power,
 He can turn the stone an hour
 And hold his own ax with the
 other hand.
 J. M. SHAWHAN

THE FIGURES

Which Show to An Absolute Cer- tainty the Cost of City Lights.

Not an item of news, but for the
 purpose of showing the status of our
 city lighting, we submit the following
 figures taken from Clerk Mueller's last
 report—for the year ending Feb. 28,
 1895.

LIGHT FUND.	
Phil Haberting, Engineer, wages, \$	540 00
John Kuntz, Engineer and Trimmer,	
wages, 600 00	
George Gephart, Trimmer, wages, 600 00	
Thomas Hancock, Supt., salary, 4,000 00	
Earl Davis, labor, 5 02	
Mountain State Gas Co., natural gas, 102 51	
River Gas Co., natural gas, 74 70	
Argand Refining Co., oil, 487 53	
Standard Oil Co., oil, 26 79	
Boobling's Sons Co., gas, 50 00	
George W. Lord, boiler compound, 402 03	
National Carbon Co., carbons, 150 23	
Fort Wayne Electric Corporation, re- pairs and supplies, 8 75	
Phoenix Glass Co., globes, 13 98	
Express and freight charges, 13 98	
Frederick Fire Insurance, 13 98	
Hagan & Schrad, repairs, 3 00	
City of Marietta, 28 50	
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Kottick Hardware Co., supplies, 4 50	
Jacob Gephart, repairs and carbon sacs, 9 50	
Marietta Mfg. Co., repairs, 62 43	
J. Seyler & Bro., supplies, 1 08	
Oil Well Supply Co., repairs, 6 22	
J. W. Doyle & Co., supplies, 2 70	
G. O. Salzman, repairs, 2 70	
M. A. Kropp, supplies, 1 80	
Patton Hall & Wadding, repairs, 24	
Phoenix will Co., paper sacks, 60	
Strecker Bros., beeswax, 5 00	

NEW INCANDESCENT LIGHT PLANT.
 S. Weidner, rolls for foundation,
 Dye & Wright, hauling engine and
 dynamo, 10 00
 Simon Zoller, foundation, 100 00
 Dayton Ark. Fire Alarm Co. on ac-
 count for new dynamo, etc., 76 00
 Transfer Co., hauling, 1 85
 C. L. Weber, coal, 2 45
 Total, \$4,113 09

The original cost of the plant was
 \$18,000, and we are offered \$12,500 for
 it now; therefore it is reasonable to as-
 sume that it is worth that much. In
 fact 7 per cent. per annum is according
 to experts, a fair rate of depreciation.
 Take \$12,500 from \$18,000 and the re-
 sult, \$5,500, shows the total depreciation.
 The plant has been running a little
 over six years and a-half. Divide \$5,500
 by 6½, and you get \$846, the amount
 of the annual depreciation.

Let's get at the result by a short
 route:
 Operating Expenses, (above), \$1,112
 Less cost of incandescent lights, 238
 \$874
 Depreciation per annum, 846
 Interest on Light Bonds, 275
 Rent of Fireman's Hall, (only a specula-
 tion of what might be were the
 plant not in the room), 300
 Taxes, 300
 *Water, 50
 \$2,655

*These two items do not belong to the city's
 exhibit, of course, but are put in to swell all
 possible expense.
 From \$5,646 subtract \$450, the amount
 received from the railroads for 9 arc
 lights, and there remains \$5,196, the
 total cost, as will be seen, conservatively
 figured.

We have 110 arc lights. Now divide
 \$5,196, the outside cost of the service,
 by 110, and you will find the cost of
 each light to be \$47.24.
 Deduct \$650, (Fireman's Hall rent,
 taxes and water, which should not be
 included in present cost; but which is
 put in above statement purely to grant
 all possible costs) and the price per
 light is decreased from \$47.24 to \$41.33.

These figures are as nearly correct as
 can be, and are based on ex-Clerk
 Mueller's report, and Mueller was such
 a man whose painstaking and correct-
 ness no man could question.

Municipal Affairs.
 The City will get out of the Electric
 Light problem an electric street rail-
 way and incandescent lights sure.
 It is better to submit it to a special
 election, for then people's minds can
 be directed to the important points.
 If defeated, so mote it be. Nobody
 hurt but the people themselves. Vox
 populi vox die.

If other cities can furnish their citi-
 zens with arc lights and incandescent
 lights and from the profits make the
 electric plants self-sustaining, why
 can't Marietta. Haven't we as much
 pluck and brains here as anywhere.
 When a city attempts to do some-
 thing which a private company might
 do and make money thereby, it is singu-
 lar how many great constitutional
 questions arise at once to beat the
 City. It's positively awful for the
 City to attempt to save money for the
 citizens in any way except to screw
 down expenses to starvation levels,
 stop improvements etc. Some people
 then imagine things are going along
 nicely, but that is a bad mistake.
 Such policy is always a sign of a dead
 town.

People should not forget that the
 City is paying over \$20,000.00 every
 year on her debts and that without
 raising taxation. Last year we added
 \$100,000.00 to the tax duplicates in new
 buildings. If the same increase is re-
 peated this year it will add \$20,000 00 to
 the revenues without increasing the
 regular levy of .026. Just as soon,
 however, as this growth stops then
 city improvements will stop and the
 Council be the first to give the "note of
 alarm."

Electric Bitters.
 Electric Bitters is a medicine suited
 for any season, but perhaps more gen-
 erally needed, when the languid ex-
 hausted feeling prevails, when the
 liver is torpid and sluggish and the
 need of a tonic and alterative is felt.
 A prompt use of this medicine has
 often averted long and perhaps fatal
 bilious fevers. No medicine will act
 more directly in counteracting and free-
 ing the system from the malarial
 poison. Headache, indigestion, Con-
 stipation, Dizziness, Irritation to Electric
 Bitters, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at
 Styer's Drug Store.

The U. S. Gov't Reports
 show Royal Baking Powder
 superior to all others.

SWIFT JUSTICE OF MINERS.

Gold All About and If One Steals Tin Pans Sound an Alarm.

In the gold mines of Coolgardie, Aus-
 tralia, much valuable ore is left abso-
 lutely untouched, says the New York
 Press. If any person breaks away from
 the Arcadian habit of honestly leaving
 it alone he meets with justice by
 strange means. Confidence in honesty
 must be kept at any cost out there.
 Tents or encampments are left for
 hours and even days in the bush with-
 out being touched, even when full of
 clothes, etc., things which one would
 think were of use to some of the poor
 wretches round about.

The summary justice referred to is
 indeed a strong deterrent, the way it
 is carried out being as neat as it is
 effective. Immediately anyone is
 caught stealing, says a London corre-
 spondent, the "roll up" is sounded—
 that is to say a tin pannikin is beaten
 vigorously drum-wise and in hearing
 this ominous sound all the miners in
 the camp hurry up to the place. The
 case is roughly explained to them; an
 impromptu court is immediately
 formed, a president elected and then
 and there the culprit is tried. If he is
 found guilty—and where he has been
 caught gold-handed, so to say, there is,
 of course, no doubt about it—he is or-
 dered to leave the camp within a given
 time—generally a few minutes only—
 and never return to it again under the
 risk of being tarred and feathered or
 worse. It is extraordinary what whole-
 some fear there is of this "roll up"
 system—far more so in many cases
 than the police inspires.

RIDICULOUS CAUTION.

Recent Dynamite Outrages in Paris Called Forth the Jesters.

Parisians extract amusement from
 everything that happens to them, no
 matter how terrible. Recently, says
 the Pittsburgh Dispatch, they were
 much agitated and excited by ex-
 plosions of dynamite, brought about
 by anarchists; but in the midst of their
 alarm and indignation they found time
 to make a great many jokes about their
 dangers. One writer, for instance, de-
 manded that a law should be passed
 providing for the arrest and imprison-
 ment of all wives who were suspected
 of an intention to blow up their hus-
 bands.

The proprietor of a large lodging-
 house amused the public with the fol-
 lowing sign above the entrance of his
 establishment:

"No cabinet ministers or magistrates
 allowed on these premises."

This notice derived its point from the
 fact that the wrath of the anarchists
 was supposed to be directed toward
 these officials.

One journal states that a tenor ap-
 plied to a manager for employment, and
 sang two or three songs to show what
 he could do.

"You sing very well—very well," said
 the manager, "but—"
 "But what, sir?"
 "Well, you see, your style is rather ex-
 plosive, and at the present time your
 audience would be apt to take alarm."

QUEEN VICTORIA'S THRONE.

Composed of Very Ordinary Materials, It Is Still Worth Sitting On.

The throne of England, so splendid
 in its rich trappings of silk, velvet and
 gold wire lace and tassels, is simply an
 old-fashioned, high-backed chair. It
 has been in use for more than 600 years,
 but the early history of the old oaken
 relic and the name of its maker are
 both unknown. The wood which com-
 poses this "throne" is very hard and
 solid, as may be imagined when it is
 known that the chair has been "kept
 in the dry" and well covered with rich
 cloth of various kinds since the days of
 Edward I. The back and sides of the
 chair were formerly painted in various
 colors. The seat is made of a rough
 sandstone. This stone, which is be-
 lieved to possess talismanic powers, is
 26 inches in length, 17 inches in breadth
 and 19½ inches in thickness. Number-
 less legends are told in connection with
 this wonderful stone, but the truth
 probably is that it was originally used
 in Scotland as a "coronation stone"
 upon which the Scottish kings were
 seated while undergoing the cere-
 monies connected with being crowned
 "kings of the realm of Scotland."

HOW HE WON THE GIRL.

A German Cavalier Raced with a Rail- road Train.

The young German cavalier had
 failed to pop the question, and the
 young lady left the house in dudgeon,
 telling their mutual host that her moth-
 er had no use for such a chicken-hearted
 son-in-law, says the New York
 Herald.

A little later the host repeated this
 to the youth, who really loved the girl,
 and had merely delayed proposing until
 he could do so at her own home. His
 horse stood near the door, and he sprang
 into the saddle and galloped after the
 train, which had left a quarter of an
 hour before. Owing to benign provid-
 ence and the management of this
 country railroad, he caught the train
 before it had reached the next station,
 which was Know. He spied the young
 lady at the window of a first-class com-
 partment, and riding up to the train be-
 fore it came to full stop, almost shout-
 ed breathlessly: "My dear Miss—
 I ask for your hand. Yes or no?"

At the station, just as the train ar-
 rived, a "Yes!" was joyfully given by
 the young miss and tearfully approved
 by her mamma.

A Russian Imperial Congress.
 The following announcement is sent
 from Moscow by Prof. F. Eismann:
 "In accordance with the august ap-
 proval of his imperial majesty, the
 emperor of Russia, the twelfth interna-
 tional medical congress will be held in
 Moscow between August 19 and 26
 (new style) in the year 1897, under the
 patronage of his imperial highness,
 Grand Duke Serge Alexandrovich.
 Further details about the organization
 of the congress will be published at as
 early a date as possible."

NATURAL SOFT SOAP.

It Is Found in a Series of Pits in the Big Horn Mountains.

A party of gentlemen from the
 east, who have been hunting and
 fishing during the past month
 in the Big Horn mountains and
 basin, met while there with a per-
 tinent illustration of the natural
 marvels of the great central west, says
 the Denver News. This was nothing
 less than the discovery of a series of
 pits or vats of natural soft soap, the ex-
 cellent quality of the product showing
 that old Dame Nature is well compe-
 tent, when in the mood, to hold up fully
 the end of her string as a housewife.

These natural soft soap pits, seven
 in number, and having an average ca-
 pacity of about 1,000 gallons, are scat-
 tered over an area of two or three acres
 of alkali land, situated just below the
 mouth of half a dozen hot springs and
 two large springs of practically pure
 lubricating oil. The water from the
 hot springs and the oil drainage com-
 bining with each other and acting on
 the alkali deposit, constitute a natural
 soap manufactory, the product of
 which is gathered in the adjacent se-
 ries of earth cavities or pits. Just be-
 low the pits themselves is a wide tract
 of spongiest marsh soil, in whose
 depths the soft soap surplus is ab-
 sorbed. The product is perfectly mar-
 ketable, and in the coming commercial
 development of the Big Horn basin
 there will doubtless be a natural soft
 soap syndicate.

"NOT A LADY."

Queer Ideas of the Trades People of Scotland.

The last time the significance of that
 very versatile and comprehensive word
 "gentleman" came up for discussion in
 the present writer's hearing one of the
 talkers was reminded of the amusing
 experiences of an American woman in
 Scotland, says Harper's Weekly. She
 had been studying to be a trained
 nurse and went abroad in the summer.
 In Edinburgh she undertook to buy a
 mackintosh. She found one that
 suited her, but the price was too high.
 She said to the shop girl: "I have to
 work for my living and can't afford to
 pay so much. You must sell it to me
 cheaper." "Wait a minute," said the
 girl, and went to the rear of the shop
 to the proprietor and said: "That per-
 son would like that cloak, but she says
 she's not a lady, and wants a reduction."
 Whether she got the cloak or not
 did not appear, but unquestionably she
 got a very surprising illustration of the
 difference between the meaning of the
 word "lady" in Scotland and its mean-
 ing in the United States.

CHAMPION HARD-LUCK STORY.

Girl Gives Him Money to Keep—Hits Him His Dilemma.

Cupid leads men into strange capers,
 and many of these capers have an inter-
 esting financial side. A seven-dollar-a-
 week porter in a large china store
 came to his employer recently and
 made this interesting confession:

"I'm in a peck o' trouble. I've been
 engaged to a girl, you know—was aw-
 ful gone on her—and blew in nearly all
 my wages on her—theaters, sleigh
 rides, oyster stews and all sorts of
 things. Well, she's mad at me and
 wrote this letter to say that I'm fired.
 Look at all this stuff she sent back—
 photograph, \$18 ring, \$7 ring, \$13 gold
 chain, \$5 locket—wasn't I a chump?
 But the worst of it is, we were going
 to get married, and she was giving
 me her money to keep. I had \$40 of
 her money. Of course, you know, I
 thought she wouldn't want it soon, and
 I've been and blew it in on this suit
 of clothes, and three sweaters; had to
 look decent to go around with her, you
 know. Now, I have to pony up that
 cash and I ain't got it. Will you let
 me draw it on these here wimmin's
 trinkets?"

BECAME A PROPRIETOR.

Sherman Tells Why He Purchased Prop- erty in Washington.

"When I entered congress my pay as
 a member was eight dollars a day dur-
 ing the session, and it was said we had
 'roast beef,' but we paid for it if we had
 it," says Senator John Sherman, in his
 "Recollections." "At the close of the
 54th congress the compensation was in-
 creased to \$3,000 a year. During the
 latter part of the war and afterward
 prices of food, board and lodging were
 considerably advanced.

"In 1864 I offered the proprietor of
 Willard's hotel my monthly pay of \$250
 for board and lodgings in very modest
 quarters for my wife and myself, but
 he demanded \$300 a month. This led me
 to purchase a house in which to live,
 a change which I have never regretted.
 It was quite the fashion then for the
 families, who were in full sympathy
 with the confederates, to underwrite
 property (even their own) in Washing-
 ton, on the ground that when the con-
 federacy was acknowledged the capital
 would be removed and real estate
 could, therefore, be obtained upon very
 reasonable terms."

When People May Dance.

At a gathering of King's Daughters
 at London, Ont., the other day, Mrs.
 Graham, of Toronto, on being asked if
 dancing should be tolerated, replied:
 "Yes, but only in the morning, an hour
 before breakfast, and then the woman
 should dance with her husband or
 brother." This encouragement of
 morning dancing at a time when morn-
 ing prayers are said to be falling into
 disuse, may possibly strike some Chris-
 tians as unwise. And there are sedate
 leaders of families, not necessarily
 Christians, who would kick vigorously
 if they were asked to dance an hour be-
 fore reading the morning paper and go-
 ing to business. Farmers, also, who
 have to begin work very early in the
 morning, will be apt to complain if this
 dancing rule should be enforced.

Want Protection.

The Bavarian peasants, who have a
 horror of fire, address the following
 prayer to their favorite saint: "O holy
 St. Florian! Protect this house; turn
 the others."

Our Hat Trade

Has grown wonderfully and our spring stock
 just in, was bought to supply the increased
 demand. We have a very few old styles on
 hand that will be sold at one-third first cost.

We have sold a great many of those odd
 pants, left from suits, but still have a consider-
 able quantity to select from at prices from 35c
 to \$4.00. ALL ARE BARGAINS.

What we have left of heavy weight suits,
 overcoats, reefers, etc., will be sold at A PRICE
 because we NEVER let old stock accumulate.

S. R. Van Metre & Co.,
 The Old Reliable Cash Clothiers.

A "Before Inventory" CLEARING SALE

We will be ready in a week or two to count
 up stock; before that time every over-loaded
 department must be reduced to invoice at the
 right figures. No need to bother you with any
 excuses or admission of mistakes. A long-
 drawn-out merchandise story is a bore. To-
 morrow we offer the following: Woolen Hose,
 Blankets, Furs, Woolen Underwear, Mittens,
 Gloves, etc., etc. Not a word about their cheap-
 ness or quality; you are the best judge.

Knox, Jenvey & Allen, No. 108 Front
 Street.

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While we are colonial in name there is nothing old or antiquated
 about us or our methods, we are new, up to date and thriving. If
 you want the latest

BOOK

We have it. If you want the best in Stationery, Blank Books, Type
 Writer Supplies, Tissue paper, Tablets, Pens, Pencils, Inks, Engineer
 Materials we have them new, first-quality and at reasonable prices.
 For February we shall have a special offer, of interest to all. Call
 for particulars at the New

STORE,

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Constantly Offering Bargains!

Visitors Surprised, Buyers Delighted--fine
 goods and low prices do the work. We are
 the leaders in styles and the guiding star for
 bargains. Marvels of popularity in seasona-
 ble styles and fair figures. We are reaching
 out for more trade with irresistible induc-
 ements beyond the pale of competition or com-
 parison. Come and see for yourself.

Cincinnati Clothing Co.,

The Leading and Popular Clothiers of Marietta, Ohio
 Corner Front Street and R. R. Crossing.

Facts.

All should know. The unnecessary fuel consumed in cast
 stoves, and food spoiled by imperfect baking, added together
 every two years, are equal in value to all the stoves and
 ranges in the United States. Yet housekeepers say "I have a
 good stove now, but will buy a

Majestic Steel Range

later." Many keep steadily on consuming extra fuel, putting
 up with imperfect baking and only partly heating water, when
 they could save money by buying a MAJESTIC and throwing
 their old stove out of doors.

The Majestic Steel Range is no experi-
 ment; it took 30 years to perfect it.

NYE HARDWARE CO.,

SOLE AGENTS, Marietta, Ohio